

New York April 9th 1853

Dear Sir,

Your kind favor of the 1st inst, was duly rec^d, and I feel obliged to you for your advice. After mature deliberation on the subject, I have concluded to try to obtain the situation, as I feel confident that I could attend to the duties of the office with^{out} materially affecting my business. My determination has been somewhat strengthened by having learned that my friends here had in a recent conversation, proposed to unite their influence in my favor, provided I wished to apply for the office. This conversation took place before I had even thought of applying for the office, but I did not hear of it until after I had received your letter. I have also learned that two officers are to be appointed viz. an Assayer and Assistant Assayer, and my friends think that in consequence of a new branch being established at San Francisco, the labors of the office here will not be so great as to injure my business, and finally I have an excellent Clerk who has been with me for many years.

As you have kindly offered your valuable assistance, I now ask the favor of a note from you, to be used for the above object & remain

Prof. J. C. Booth, Phil^a

} Yours very truly
Edward W. Keen

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